



Brownfields 2017 Area-Wide Planning Grant Fact Sheet

Isles, Inc. Trenton, NJ

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through competitive grant programs for brownfields site assessment, site cleanup, revolving loan funds, area-wide planning, and job training. Additional funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program

EPA's Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program assists communities in responding to local brownfields challenges, particularly where multiple brownfield sites are in close proximity, connected by infrastructure, and limit the economic, environmental and social prosperity of their surroundings. This program enhances EPA's core brownfields assistance programs by providing grant funding to communities so they can perform the research needed to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategies for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. The resulting area-wide plans provide direction for future brownfields area improvements that are protective of public health and the environment, economically viable, and reflective of the community's vision for the area.

Project Description

\$194,180.00

EPA has selected Isles, Inc., as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant recipient. Isles, Inc., will work with the East Trenton community and other stakeholders to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for the East Trenton neighborhood, an area characterized by significant abandonment of residential and commercial properties, negative social and economic indicators, concentrated poverty, and few jobs. It also is an area with a demonstrated track record of active resident and stakeholder planning and plan implementation. The Freightyards and Powerhouse site and 104 Taylor Street are the catalyst sites for this planning project. They comprise the largest contiguous parcel proposed for the Assunpink Greenway, and are centrally located within the project area. The area-wide plan will spur revitalization of the East Trenton neighborhood and provide a basis for new housing construction, residential and commercial rehabilitation, and healthy homes and environments. It also will create linkages to recreation, open space, and urban agriculture and healthier food options; better, less car-centric transportation options; and increased economic opportunity. Key partners who will work with Isles, Inc., on this project include the City of Trenton, New Jersey Community Capital, HomeFront, Habitat for Humanity of Trenton, A Better Way, and D&R Greenway Land Trust.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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